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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/808,238	Applicant(s) ANDO ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on RCE & Amendment of 11/14/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 23-25, 27 and 29-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 25, 27 and 29-31 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 23-24, 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/662,584.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 2616.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 11/14/05, with respect to amended claims 24-25 and new claim 32, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

{A} In re page 6, applicant states, "Okada only discloses a time map table, which is different than the claimed "time relation table".

In response the examiner respectfully points out that, yes the specification discloses a time relation table, which in all its detail, the Map Table of Okada, is different, but, by way of scope and interpretation, the examiner deems that the recited time relation table, reads on a table which would suggest to have at least one time code, and another attribute, thereby reading on a time relation table, the claims are not deemed read as a time to time relation table, but, merely a table having at least one entry relating time to something else, as interpreted by the recited language used in claim 23.

The examiner points at Okada, Fig. 71, col. 80, lines 32-40, "the time codes included in the time map table ... while y1, y3, y5 and y7 show the relationship between the time codes", therefore a time relation table with at least one time in the table, therefore, the examiner deems that Okada does teach, the newly recited limitation.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

2. Claims 23-24, 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chauvel et al. (US 6,369,855) in view of Okada et al. (US 6181,870).

Regarding claims 23-24, the examiner incorporates by reference the last action against the claims, which have been amended to further recite the limitation,

- a control unit configured to generate a time relation table in order to record information of the generated table in the medium", or to create a table associated with real time recording and storing the table to the medium

Chauvel fails to disclose the recited table.

Okada teaches at Fig. 71, col. 80, lines 32-40, "the time codes included in the *time map table* ... while y1, y3, y5 and y7 show the relationship between the time codes", used to reproduce the recorded data.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to modify Chauvel by incorporating recording a time relation table, as taught by Okada in order to relate time to locations of the recorded data to reproduce the recorded data and provides an advantage as stated, "... mark points in the cell information and managed with information such as **address taken from the time map** in the form of a table. By doing so, this information can be presented to the use as potential selections in a screen showing the initial pre-editing state", col. 76, lines 40-45 etc....., therefore the table is useful and has advantages, as taught by Okada.

Claim 32 is met based on the combination above, wherein a first and second readers, met by one head which reads the

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recorded information, content, tables to playback from designated start position, such as a cell start position of the encoded, recorded bit stream in a reproduction operation.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 25, 27, 29-31 are allowed.

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